

Create New Series  
with substrings

Create Raw string  
& Series with substrings

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

# create Series of different string objects
s = pd.Series(['', 'John Wood', 'Colin Welsh', 'my list', '02456', np.nan, 'HELLO WORLD', 'water%'])
```

```
# -----
# make a string
pat = r'[a-z]+' # raw string, used to search patterns with regular expressions
pat
```

Inspect char type and content  
RETURN TRUE/FALSE

isalnum(), ...

```
>>> s1 = pd.Series(['one', 'one1', '1', ''])
```

```
>>> s1.str.isalpha()
0    True
1   False
2   False
3   False
dtype: bool
```

```
>>> s1.str.isnumeric()
0   False
1   False
2    True
3   False
dtype: bool
```

```
>>> s1.str.isalnum()
0    True
1    True
2    True
3   False
dtype: bool
```

## Pandas string functions

Inspect strings

Inspect dtype & len

```
# -----
# inspect str.
s.dtype      # here: dtype('O') - i.e mixed dtypes for each substring!
s.str.len()  # len of each string
#.,         0      1.0
#.,         5      NaN   # NaN has no len()
#.,         . ...
```

**Series.str.isalpha**

Check whether all characters are alphabetic.

**Series.str.isnumeric**

Check whether all characters are numeric.

**Series.str.isalnum**

Check whether all characters are alphanumeric.

**Series.str.isdigit**

Check whether all characters are digits.

**Series.str.isdecimal**

Check whether all characters are decimal.

**Series.str.isspace**

Check whether all characters are whitespace.

**Series.str.islower**

Check whether all characters are lowercase.

**Series.str.isupper**

Check whether all characters are uppercase.

**Series.str.istitle**

Check whether all characters are titlecase.

[https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\\_guide/text.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/text.html)

# Size/length Transformations

Return 2 items  
*Only divided string parts*

Divide substrings

Join/Concatenate strings/substrings

split(), r split()

```
### SPLIT in more details
###
# split no patterns
s = pd.Series(['Voyager starship', 'Enterprise', 'ger', np.nan])
s.str.split(expand=True) # by default splits spaces

0 1
0 Voyager starship
1 Enterprise None
2 ger None
3 NaN NaN

# with argument
s.str.split(pat=" ", expand=True)

0 1 2
0 Voyag r starship None
1 Ent rpriz None
2 g r None
3 NaN NaN NaN

# "from end", with "n" that limits the number of splits
s.str.rsplit(pat=" ", n=1, expand=True)

0 1
0 Voyag r starship
1 Enterpriz
2 g r
3 NaN NaN

# split on special characters
s = pd.Series(['1+1=2'])
s.str.split(pat=r'[+|=]', expand=True)

0 1 2
0 1 1 2
```

separator – is removed with split().

Expand = True/false

n = max nr of splits

Return 3 items  
*string parts + separator*

partition(), rpartition()

- expand = True/False
- pat = REGEX

```
[212]: # Splits string on the first occurrence of pat
s = pd.Series(['BlannnnNnnnBla', 'rNrese', np.nan])
s.str.partition("n", expand=True) # Case sensitive

0 1 2
0 Bla n nnnNnnBla
1 rNrese
2 NaN NaN NaN

[211]: # ... last occurrence of pat
s.str.rpartition("n", expand=True)

0 1 2
0 BlannnnNnn n Bla
1 rNrese
2 NaN NaN NaN
```

Slice substrings

[ index ], slice(), get()

```
# SLICE SUBSTRINGS
s = pd.Series(['A', 'Aaba', np.nan]);

# use index
s.str[2]
#. 0 NaN # if it passes last index >> NaN
#. 1 b
#. 2 NaN 3 just NaN

# slice with index
# advantage: no NaN is substring is shorter then requested.
# returns 2 first characters from all substrings in that series
s.str[0:2] # -|- 20 ..., or the max nr of characters!

# str.slice()
s.str.slice(0,2) # == s.str[0:2]
# returns a slice, 2 first characters of each substring, or less
# if there was less char, or NaN

# s.str.get()
s.str.get(1) # 2nd char in each substr.
s.str.get(-1) # last char in each substr.
s.str.get(10) # return NaN is missing value
```

	if less char.	If NaNstri
• s.str[m]	NaN	NaN
• s.str[m:n]	returns max nr	NaN
• s.str.slice( from,to)	returns max nr	NaN
• s.str.get(n)	NaN	NaN

cat() -Concatenate

- cat()
- na\_rep = False
  - sep= “\_”, “;”, “...”
  - join “inner” / “outer” / “left” ...

Join substrings in one series

```
# eg
s1 = pd.Series(['a', 'b', np.nan, 'c', 'd'])

# turn substrings in one series into one long string
s1.str.cat() # 'abcd' # NaN are ignored!
s1.str.cat(sep=";") # 'a;b;c;d'
s1.str.cat(sep=" ", na_rep=" ") # 'ab_cd'
```

Join Substrings in two series or in series & in lists

```
# combine substrings from two series or from series and list-like object
# to make each substring longer
s1 = pd.Series(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
s1.str.cat(['1', '2', '3', '4'])

#. 0 a1
#. 1 b2
#. 2 c3
#. 3 d4

# CAUTION; IF YOU CONCATENATE SERIES WITH INDEXED OBJ, EG LIST
# THE ORDER MAY CHNAGE AND JOIN SUBSTRINGS WITH CORRESPONDING INDEXES
```

Join substrings in series/lists with diff. index and length

```
# eg:
s1 = pd.Series(['A', 'B', 'C'], index=[0,1,2])
s2 = pd.Series([str(x) for x in list(range(1,5))], index=[1,2,3,4])

# join="inner"/ "outer"/ "left"/ "right"
s1.str.cat(s2, join="outer", na_rep=" ") # " sep=" " # all items are added
s1.str.cat(s2, join="inner", na_rep=" ") # " sep=" " # only common are joined
s1.str.cat(s2, join="left", na_rep=" ") # " sep=" " # left/right
```

join = “inner” / “outer” / “left” ...  
This decides which string will generate NaN in the other string

# Content Modifications

## Change Lower/upper cases

**Lower(), upper(), capitalize(), swapcase(), casefold()**

```
Series.str.lower
Converts all characters to lowercase.

Series.str.upper
Converts all characters to uppercase.

Series.str.title
Converts first character of each word to uppercase and remaining to lowercase.

Series.str.capitalize
Converts first character to uppercase and remaining to lowercase.

Series.str.swapcase
Converts uppercase to lowercase and lowercase to uppercase.

Series.str.casefold
Removes all case distinctions in the string.
```

## Replace

### Replace() & slice\_replace()

```
# REPLACE & slice_replace

# replace
s.str.replace("%", "percent of beer in milk") # with new value
s.str.replace("water", "") # == remove

# Use regular expr.
s3 = pd.Series(['A', 'B', 'C', 'Aaba', 'Baca', 'dog'])
s3.str.replace('\A|dog', '--blablaBleee--', case=True) # case sensitive, replace "A" or "dog"

#
# 0      --blablaBleee--
# 1                      B
# 2                      C
# 3      --blablaBleee-- aba
# 4          Baca
# 5      --blablaBleee--

# Caution
# special char like $ must be with escape char before
# eg: dollars.str.replace(r'\-$', '-')

# str.slice_replace()
s.str.slice_replace(0,2, "_____") # replace 0-2 char. in all substr's with a given val.

#
# 0      _____
# 1          hn Wood
# 2          lin Welsh
# 3          list
# 4          456
```

- replace()**: replace pattern
  - slice\_replace()** first remove slice, then put something else instead
- replace(from, to, "with")

## Change copy number

### repeat()

Single number repeats  
**repeat(repeats = n)**  
Each item (i) is repeated different # of x  
**repeat(repeats = [n1, n2, ... ni])**

```
>>> s = pd.Series(['a', 'b', 'c'])
>>> s
0    a
1    b
2    c
dtype: object
```

Single int repeats string in Series

```
>>> s.str.repeat(repeats=2)
0    aa
1    bb
2    cc
dtype: object
```

Sequence of int repeats corresponding string in Series

```
>>> s.str.repeat(repeats=[1, 2, 3])
0    a
1    bb
2    ccc
dtype: object
```

## Create paragraphs with defined length

### wrap()

- expand\_tabs = False
- replace\_whitespace = True
- drop\_whitespace = True
- break\_long\_words = False
- break\_on\_hyphens = False

Examples

```
>>> s = pd.Series(['line to be wrapped', 'another line to be wrapped'])
>>> s.str.wrap(12)
0      line to be\nwrapped
1  another line\nto be\nwrapped
dtype: object
```

**width**: int, max nr of characters in the line,

**Other parameters** define how to expand tabs(1st one) or deal with long words

**YOU MAY USE FUNCTION TO REPLACE ITEMS** But you must work on x.groups()

```
## REPLACE with Function
s = pd.Series(['Bulldog', 'Maddog', 'Catdog'])
s.str.replace(\\w{0,10}dog', lambda x: x.groups()[0][0:3])
# you must work on groups

0    Bul
1    Mad
2    Cat
dtype: object
```

## Change ends

### Add new ends

### pad()

```
>>> s = pd.Series(['caribou', 'tiger'])
>>> s
0    caribou
1     tiger
dtype: object
```

```
>>> s.str.pad(width=10)
0    caribou---
1     tiger---
dtype: object
```

```
>>> s.str.pad(width=10, side='right', fillchar='-')
0    caribou---
1     tiger---
dtype: object
```

```
>>> s.str.pad(width=10, side='both', fillchar='-')
0  --caribou--
1  --tiger---
dtype: object
```

**Pad()**

- width** = , min width of resulting string; additional characters will be filled with character defined in **fillchar**
- fillchar** = "string of my choice"
- side** = "both", "right", "left"

### Remove ends

### strip(), lstrip(), rstrip()

- strip()**. - from both ends
- rstrip()** - from right
- lstrip()** - from left

**to\_strip** = "pattern to remove form end"

```
[199]: # Remove whitespaces, or new lines
s = pd.Series(['aBBBa\n', '      \nCCCCb\n', np.nan])
s.str.strip()

[199]: 0    aBBBa
1    bCCCCb
2      NaN
dtype: object

[201]: # Remove specified substring,
s = pd.Series(['aBBBa\n', '      \nCCCCb\n', np.nan])
s.str.strip(to_strip='a')

[201]: 0    BBBa\n
1    \nCCCCb\n
2      NaN
dtype: object
```

**4 less used equivalent functions to pad()**

```
Series.str.rjust
Fills the right side of strings with an arbitrary character. Equivalent to series.str.pad(side='right').

Series.str.ljust
Fills the left side of strings with an arbitrary character. Equivalent to series.str.pad(side='left').

Series.str.center
Fills both sides of strings with an arbitrary character. Equivalent to series.str.pad(side='both').

Series.str.zfill
Pad strings in the Series/Index by prepending '0' character. Equivalent to series.str.pad(side='left', fillchar='0').
```

[https://nandas.ovdata.org/nandas-docs/stable/user\\_guide/text.html](https://nandas.ovdata.org/nandas-docs/stable/user_guide/text.html)

Counts pattern nr in each substr.

count()

(how many times it appeared in each substring)

```
s = pd.Series(["a", "aa", "aaa", "aaaa", "aaaaa", np.nan])
s.str.count(pat="aa").values

array([ 0.,  1.,  1.,  2.,  3., nan])
```

Test substrings for pat. Presence/Absence

Return 0/1

Get\_dummies

(presence/absence of unique values in each substring)

```
pd.Series(["ab", "a", "ac", np.nan]).str.get_dummies()
# nan = 0, no cat for it
   a  ab  ac
0  0  1  0
1  1  0  0
2  0  0  1
3  0  0  0

# Caution on regex!
pd.Series(["a|b", "a", "a|c"]).str.get_dummies()
   a  a|b  a|c
0  0  1  1
1  1  0  0
2  1  0  0
3  0  0  1
```

Search & find

in pd.Series with lists

findall()

flags = re.IGNORECASE

```
[162]: # str.findall Find all occurrences of pat or regex in Series/Index.
s = pd.Series(["this strin is super long blablaBla", "bla ble bla", "nnnn", np.nan])
s.str.findall("bla") # returns pd.series

[162]: 0 [bla, bla]
1 [bla, bla]
2 []
3 NaN
dtype: object

[163]: import re
s.str.findall("bla", flags=re.IGNORECASE)

[163]: 0 [bla, bla, Bla]
1 [bla, bla]
2 []
3 NaN
dtype: object

[164]: s.str.findall("blas", flags=re.IGNORECASE) # only the words ending with bla

[164]: 0 [Bla]
1 [bla]
2 []
3 NaN
dtype: object
```

Find the pattern and return it

in pd.DataFrame

extract(), extractall()

```
#
# EXTRACT REGEX (True/False)
#. - always return matrix, with same dims as
pd.Series(["a1aaa", "b2", "c3"]).str.extract(r'([cd])', expand=False)
# returns requested value, and NaN if it was not found
```

```
s = pd.Series(["I mist extract 9Caws-with_legSSZ", "to have CAW meat"])
import re
s.str.extractall(r'([1-9]{1,2})t.{2}[ie]{2,5}', flags=re.IGNORECASE).unstack()
```

- **extract();** returns first match ONLY
- **extractall();** returns all matches  
CAUTION;  
in df with 1 col and MultiIndex

	0	1	2	3	4	5
match	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	I	m	ist	extrac	t	9
1	t	o	h	ave	CAW	meat

Return True/False

Contains, match, start/endwith

```
[53]: s = pd.Series(["a", "aA", "aAA", "aAaA", "aABaAa", np.nan])
s.str.contains(pat="A", case=False, na=False, regex=True).values
# . regex=False - treats the pat as a literal string
# case - case sensitive

[53]: array([ True,  True,  True,  True,  True, False])

[57]: s.str.match(pat="AA", case=True, na=False).values
# . More strict than contains
# case - case sensitive

[57]: array([False, False, False, False, False, False])

[67]: s.str.startswith(pat="A", na=False).values
# . ALWAYS CASE SENSITIVE !

[67]: array([False, False, False, False, False, False])

[69]: s.str.endswith(pat="A", na=False).values
# . ALWAYS CASE SENSITIVE !

[69]: array([False, True, True, True, True, False])
```

Then, select substrings with True/False

```
s = pd.Series(["A", "Aaba", np.nan]);
# list with booleans
s[[True, True, False]] # return shorted series, with only two substrings.

# contains() and flag
flag = s.str.contains('Colin', na=False) # returns list with True/False for each substring
s[flag] # na=False; np.nan also return False, otherwise its NaN
```

Return Index number

find() & rfind()

```
s = pd.Series(["this strin is super long blablaBla", "bla ble bla", np.nan])
# str.find()
# Return lowest indexes in each strings in the Series/Index
# where the substring is fully contained between [start:end].
s.str.find(sub="bla", start=10, end=45)
# -1 - nothing was found

0 25.0
1 -1.0
2 NaN
dtype: float64

s.str.rfind(sub="bla") # Return highest indexes in each strings.

0 31
1 8
dtype: int64
```

- **Find().** Returns lowest index
- **Rfind()** returns highest index
  - **Sub** = "pattern"
  - **Start, end** = int, where to look

CAUTION

- **-1** - when not found
- **NaN** - for np.nan

index(), rindex()

Works in the same way as find(),  
rfind(), but raises ValueError if no  
pattern was found

```
[275]: #
# |, & - OR, AND

s=pd.Series(['', 'John Wood', 'Colin Welsh', 'my list', '02456', np.nan, 'HELLO WORLD', 'water'])
s.str.contains('John') | s.str.contains('Colin') # or
s.str.contains('John|Colin').values # same results

[275]: array([False,  True,  True,  False,  False,  nan,  False,  False], dtype=object)
```

&, | - AND, OR

```
[280]: # . -<dot>
# . matches any ONE CHARACTER except for new line
import re
s2 = pd.Series(['bAR', 'sugAR', 'c\NARtoon', 'ARgon'])
s2.str.contains('.AR', flags=re.IGNORECASE).values

[280]: array([ True,  True,  False,  False])
```

“.” - any one char.

```
[465]: # - ESCAPE CHARACTER -
# . / - ALLOWS SEARCHING FOR OTHER SPECIAL CHARACTERS!
# . eg: ., ^, +, *, ?, $, ...

s = pd.Series(['Is this my chair?', 'yes+)', 'no:()'])

print(1, s.str.contains(r'\?', na=False).values, "\n")
print(2, s.str.contains(r'yes+)', na=False).values, "\n")

1 [ True False False]
2 [False  True False]
```

\ - Escape char.

() - GROUPS

```
# . () - parenthesis define a subtring with REGEX in it
# . very usefull for pd.str.extract()
# . that allows extracting certain substring and placing it in a Dataframe

s = pd.Series(['My laundry is at Monday and MoNday only, but Mday is ok',
               'Tuesday I sleep, because its MYTday',
               'Every Wednesday I have Wedayparty'])

## EXTRACT:
# . extract works only when using ()

# extract first match and put into df
print(s.str.extract(r'(\wday)', expand=True), "\n")

# extract all and unstack for df
df = s.str.extractall(r'(\wday)') # df with MultiIndex - can be unstack
df.unstack()

## REPLACE with Function
# eg remove system form each word and replace with .
s = pd.Series(['BioSystem', 'CarSystem', 'TruckSystem'])
s.str.replace('(\w+tem)', lambda x: x.groups()[0][0:3]) # you must work on groups:

# sedong approach, same effect
def f(x):
    return x.groups()[0][:3]
s.str.replace('(\w+tem)', f)

0 Monday
1 Tuesday
2 Wednesday

0 Bio
1 Car
2 Truck
dtype: object
```

```
[49]: # - POSITION IN STRING -
# . ^ - match at the beginning of a string, Caution, not the same as [^]
# . not beginning of the world
# . $ - searches for matches at the end of a string

s = pd.Series(['mop', 'topmmmm65', 'gluonop', 'sky9op', " ", np.nan])

# beginning of the line
print(1, s.str.contains('^m', na=False).values, "\n") # BEGINNING
# end of the line
print(2, s.str.contains('[\d]$', na=False).values, "\n") # END $

1 [ True False False False False False]
2 [False  True False False False False]
```

Position in a string  
^, \$

^ BEGINNING  
\$ ENDS

```
# . \d - match any digit
# . \D - match any non digit
# . \w - match a word character
# . \W - match a non-word character
# . \s - match whitespace (spaces, tabs, newlines, etc.)
# . \S - match non-whitespace

s = pd.Series(['mop', 'top', 'gluonop', 'sky9op', " ", np.nan])

# digit / not a digit (d/D)
print(1, s.str.contains('[\d]', na=False).values)
print(2, s.str.contains('[\D]', na=False).values, "\n")

# world / not a world (w/W)
print(3, s.str.contains('[\w]', na=False).values)
print(4, s.str.contains('[\W]', na=False).values, "\n")

# whitespace / not a whitespace (s/S)
print(5, s.str.contains('[\s]', na=False).values)
print(6, s.str.contains('[\S]', na=False).values, "\n")

# same without brackets
print(7, s.str.contains('\dop', na=False).values)

1 [False False False  True False False]
2 [ True  True  True  True  True False]
3 [ True  True  True  True False False]
4 [False False False False  True False]
5 [False False False False  True False]
6 [ True  True  True  True  True False]
7 [False False False  True False False]
```

Char, Type  
\d, \w, \s

\d any digit  
\w word char  
\s space, tab, new line

# REGEX

Copy Number  
+, ?, \*

+ >0  
\* >1  
? [0, 1]  
{m} m copies  
{m,} ≥ m copies  
{m,n} m ≤ copies ≤ n

[], [^] - SET

```
[320]: # match any char in a set
# [^] NOT in a set;

[a-z] - match any lowercase letter
[A-Z] - match any uppercase letter
[0-9] - match any digit
[a-zA-Z0-9] - match any letter or digit

s = pd.Series(['mop', 'top', 'gluonop', 'sky9op', np.nan])

# mach any char in a set
print(1, s.str.contains('[mn]op').values)
print(2, s.str.contains('[a-z]op').values)
print(3, s.str.contains('[a-zA-Z0-9]op', na=False).values)

# match any char not in a set
print(4, s.str.contains('[^a-z]op', na=False).values)

1 [ True False True False nan]
2 [ True  True  True False nan]
3 [ True  True  True  True False]
4 [False False False  True False]
```

```
[446]: # - COPY NUMBER -
# . *, +, ?, {}, - written behind a given char/substring
# . order. - char must be in the same order, the one between must also be included

# . General:
# . * - match ZERO or MORE copies ; ≥0 copies
# . ? - match ZEOR or ONE copy ; [0,1] copies
# . + - match ONE or MORE copies ; ≥1 copies
# . Specific copy nr:
# . {m} - match m copies of a given char
# . {m,} - match m OR MORE copies of a given char
# . {m,n} - match between m and n copies of a given char

s = pd.Series(['mop', 'topmmmm65', 'mangluonop', 'sky9op', " ", np.nan])

# beginning of the line
print(1, s.str.contains('m', na=False).values, "\n") # zero or more "m"
print(2, s.str.contains('m[a-zA-Z0-9]+(1)', na=False).values, "\n")
# one or more "m" and then p, with anything between

1 [ True  True  True  True  True False]
2 [ True False  True False False False]
```